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Entrepreneurs find home in new space

Now open. Pipeline, a Miami-based co-working space, opened in the Graham Building in Center City.

Pipeline, a Miami-based cowering space, opened in the Graham Building at 15th and ChestnutsStreets in Center City. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

For Sinae Pitts, 41, her app design company is finding its feet now that it has moved to Center City.

"Philadelphia is this [place] where you really can be part of the community," said Pitts, originally from New York City. "I know most of the people in the tech community and the startup community."

Pitts' company, AMMO (founded in 2008 as Amphetamobile, before "Breaking Bad" became a hit, she said), used to be based out of her converted garage in Upper Darby.

Now they have two offices and two dedicated desks at Pipeline Philadelphia, a new shared workspace in Center City that opened in December.

"The day we moved in I tweeted on our account, 'We have arrived,' and I really feel that way," Pitts said. "The atmosphere here, the professionalism, the design aesthetic is something we couldn't find anywhere else."

Pitts said she feels proud to welcome clients to the new office space, which boasts an aesthetic design few other Philly offices can match.

"Other spaces for younger developers are hosting hackathons and pizza parties, whereas here we're already having wine tastings and galas," Pitts said.

AMMO specializes in the "mobile presentation of complex information." Clients of their app design services have included companies such as Thomson Reuters, the World Bank, Elsevier publishing, and the American College of Chest Physicians.

Meanwhile, Aubrey Montgomery, founder of Rittenhouse Political Partners, a strategic fundraising firm she started in her home, said business is blossoming in its new offices at Pipeline. They moved in the first day the workspace opened on Dec. 15.

"To me, it's very reminiscent of a freshman dorm in college," Montgomery said of Pipeline. "It's certainly more professional than that, but it has that atmosphere of 'We all want to get to know each other.'"

The Knight Foundation, which funds initiatives in the arts, media and community, has offices at Pipeline as well.

"It's a new innovative space ... and it's nice to overlook Dilworth Park, where we've made an investment," said Philadelphia program director Donna Frisby-Greenwood.

Disclosure: Metro Philadelphia is located in the same building as Pipeline. The companies have no financial relation.

By the numbers

- **Virtual offices:** $99/month
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Sinae Pitts, from the company AMMO, works in her office.

Details

A different approach to workspaces

Shared workspaces aren't guaranteed to succeed in Philly. Brooklyn-based 3rd Ward opened in Philly in 2013, and closed less than six months later — and took the whole company down with it.

But Pipeline has a different approach, said Tayyib Smith, a partner with Pipeline Philly.

"The way that 3rd Ward approached Philadelphia was basically, 'We're big New York guys, we have a lot of money, we're doing this,'" Smith said. "We are local people, deeply invested in the city, and passionate about the city."

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Internal affairs

Officer surrenders in false ID case

Philadelphia Police Sgt. Brandon Ruff faces charges of providing false identification to law enforcement when surrendering firearms at a police station.

He surrendered on Monday for allegedly trying to hide his identity when he turned in three guns in August to a different police district, prosecutors said.

Ruff, 28, has filed a federal suit against the department for unlawful arrest. METRO

Sgt. Brandon Ruff / PPD

School district to add 400 more teachers next year

Help wanted. The district will also be using a new employee selection process.

City schools will be hiring 400 teachers. / FILE PHOTO

The School District of Philadelphia is hiring.

The district, which cut multiple positions in the last few years in an effort to work within its yearly budget constraints, is in the market for a minimum of 400 more teachers for the next school year.

"Teachers are critically important to providing every student with an excellent education," William R. Hite, public schools superintendent, said in a news release. "Our revamped selection process is designed to attract highly qualified and committed teachers to the School District of Philadelphia. We hope new-to-teaching and experienced educators will join our efforts to make all schools great."

Quoted

"Teachers are critically important to providing every student with an excellent education."
Hite

The district is looking for science, music, art, special education, upper elementary and secondary math teachers.

City officials are expecting another budget deficit next year — north of $80 million — and the School Reform Commission's attempt to cancel teachers' contracts remains up in the air.

The district will be using a new employee process that will require applicants to submit a resume, cover letter and upload teaching materials to an online application.

The starting salary for teachers with no previous experience is $45,360.

There are currently about 9,000 teachers in the district.

For more information, email recruitment @philasd.org or visit www.philasd.org and click on "employment."

The next application deadline is March 6.

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Applicants

Hiring process shortened for new teachers

The School District of Philadelphia has revamped its hiring process.

"Qualified candidates will be notified of their status at each stage of the centrally run selection process, and will know within four to six weeks if they are eligible for site selection, which allows principals and a team of educators to choose staff members for their schools," the district said in a press release.

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SEPTA

Brawl caught on video draws investigation

SEPTA police are investigating a brawl that took place in a trolley car last week, according to NBC10.

Recorded on a cell phone and posted on YouTube, SEPTA officials found the video and opened the investigation.

The brawl, in which one passenger was punched to the ground then kicked while another was beaten, took place on a Route 10 trolley just before midnight Saturday.

The video was first posted to the local blog, "Philly Blunt." Site editor Brian Hickey posted the video and a brief description under the title: "This SEPTA Brawl Won't Likely Appear In Any Visit Philly Campaign Ads."

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Trying this motorcycle on for size

Pete Squadrito of Delaware County gets a lesson in motorcycle riding from the Harley Davidson team at the Philadelphia Auto Show, which features over 700 vehicles at the Pennsylvania Convention Center through Sunday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Murder. Co-worker confesses to killing child advocate

A co-worker killed Kim Jones, police said.

The 56-year-old child advocate, gunned down in January while waiting for a bus blocks from Temple University's North Philadelphia campus, was murdered by Randolph Sanders.

Police said Jones, a program director for Turning Points for Children, was shot "execution style" once in the back of the head while waiting at a bus stop at 12th and Jefferson Streets on Jan. 13 shortly after 9 a.m.

Sanders, 36, worked alongside Jones at Turning Points serving as assistant director in Jones' program. He had worked at the company for two years.

Jones suspected Sanders was stealing money from the organization, police said. Sanders, fearing she would turn him in, followed her to the bus stop and shot her in the head, police said.

Jones was planning to report Sanders the morning she was murdered, police said.

Detectives keyed in on Sanders after his vehicle matched the description of the suspect's vehicle.

He confessed when questioned, police said.

TOMMY ROWAN

Details

Sanders allegedly stole $40,000 from the Turning Points program.

- Sanders shot Jones on the morning she was set to meet with officials at Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services.
- He was being held in jail without bail.

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Outage. RadioShack in talks to sell half its stores, close the rest

RadioShack Corp., is preparing to shut down the almost-century-old retail chain in a bankruptcy deal that would sell about half its store leases to Sprint Corp., and close the rest, according to people with knowledge of the discussions.

The locations sold to Sprint would operate under the wireless carrier's name, meaning RadioShack would cease to exist as a stand-alone retailer, said the people, who declined to be identified because the talks aren't public.

The negotiations could still break down without a deal being reached, or the terms could change. Sprint and RadioShack also have discussed co-branding the stores, two of the people said. It's also possible that another bidder could emerge that would buy RadioShack and keep it operating, the people said.

The discussions represent the endgame for a chain that traces its roots to 1921, when it began as a mail-order retailer for amateur ham-radio operators and maritime communications officers. It expanded into a wider range of electronics over the decades, and by the 1980s was seen as a destination for personal computers, gadgets and components that were hard to find elsewhere. In more recent years, though, competition from Walmart and an army of e-commerce sellers hurt customer traffic. **BLOOMBERG**

RadioShack / GETTY IMAGES

Obama seeks $14B for cybersecurity

GOP. It is unclear how much funding the Republican-controlled Congress will allow.

President Barack Obama's budget proposal for the 2016 fiscal year seeks $14 billion for cybersecurity efforts across the U.S. government to better protect federal and private networks from hacking threats.

Federal cybersecurity funding has steadily increased in recent years, reflecting the intensity of threats U.S. companies and government agencies are facing from cyber-intruders, both domestic and foreign.

The budget, released on Monday, calls for deployment of more intrusion detection and prevention capabilities, greater sharing of data with the private sector and other countries and more funding to beef up the government's ability to respond to attacks.

The funding would support several specific programs, such as monitoring and diagnostics of federal computer networks, the EINSTEIN intrusion detection and prevention system and government-wide testing and incident-response training. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"Cyberthreats targeting the private sector, critical infrastructure and the federal government demonstrate that no sector, network or system is immune to infiltration by those seeking to steal commercial or government secrets and property or perpetrate malicious and disruptive activity." White House summary

The National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center in Arlington, Virginia. / GETTY IMAGES

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Syrian Kurds push back ISIS around Kobani

Kurdish militia backed by U.S.-led air strikes were making rapid advances against Islamic State forces in rural areas around Kobani after driving the group from the Syrian border town last week, the Kurdish militia and a monitoring group said on Monday.

A spokesman for the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia said Islamic State forces were collapsing around Kobani. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, the monitoring organization, said Islamic State fighters were putting up little resistance in the face of Kurdish advance. REUTERS

KURDISH TROOPS IN KOBANE
GETTY IMAGES

Rail town

Rebels pound Ukrainian troops after peace talks fail

Separatist rockets streaked across hills in eastern Ukraine on Monday as rebels pounded the positions of Ukrainian government troops holding a strategic rail town, while both sides prepared to mobilise more forces for combat.

U.S. officials said Washington was taking a "fresh look" at providing Ukraine with lethal aid after a surge of violence following the collapse of a new peace effort on Saturday, although they emphasized that no decision had yet been made.

Kiev's military said five more Ukrainian soldiers had been killed in clashes, while municipal authorities in the rebel-controlled city of Donetsk said 15 civilians had been killed by shelling at the weekend. REUTERS

Sex offense trial of ex-IMF head Strauss-Kahn opens

Rejected. Defense lawyers had argued against the trial being held behind closed doors.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn faces reporters. / GETTY IMAGES

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the former International Monetary Fund chief tipped to become French president before a New York hotel maid accused him of sexual assault in 2011, went on trial in France on Monday in a separate case of alleged procuring of prostitutes.

The court rejected a prosecutor's request for the trial to be held behind closed doors to protect the identity of prostitutes who are due to testify about their encounters with Strauss-Kahn and other defendants.

"The court considers that plaintiffs always have the choice" whether or not to speak, the court's president said.

Investigating magistrates who sent Strauss-Kahn to trial with 13 others argue he knew he was dealing with prostitutes when taking part in sex parties in Paris, Lille and Washington from 2008 to 2011, a judicial source told Reuters.

He is charged with "procuring with aggravating circumstances".

Prosecutors say the charge of procuring, or pimping, is applicable because, under the French legal definition, it extends to any activity seen as facilitating prostitution.

In Strauss-Kahn's case, judicial investigators allege he allowed his rented apartment to be used for sex parties involving prostitutes and that he was involved in organizing them.

Defense lawyers for Strauss-Kahn have flatly dismissed those allegations, arguing he never made a secret of his penchant for sex parties but was unaware the women present were prostitutes and did not play any pivotal organizational role.

The matter has come to be known as the Carlton Affair, named after a hotel in Lille that is at the centre of police investigations into a broader sex ring. REUTERS

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Strauss-Kahn, 65, who settled a U.S. civil case with chambermaid Nafissatou Diallo after criminal charges were dropped, risks as much as 10 years in jail and a fine of up to $1.7 million if convicted in the French trial taking place in the northern city of Lille.

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Punxsutawney Phil predicts six more weeks of winter

Groundhog. The prescient rodent wants you to keep your snowboots and gloves handy.

Punxsutawney Phil, the American groundhog famous for his weather predictions, saw his shadow after emerging from his burrow atop Gobbler's Knob in Pennsylvania on Monday, forecasting six more weeks of winter.

Phil's prediction came at about 7:25 a.m. EST in the Western Pennsylvania borough of Punxsutawney, where some in his audience chanted "six more weeks, six more weeks."

Legend has it that if the groundhog sees his shadow, North America will experience six more weeks of winter and if he does not, spring will come early.

"Six more weeks of winter means more potential for snow days so I am not exactly heartbroken," said Robin Amador, 39, an educator from Lorain, Ohio. "I could kiss that little guy for that."

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow. / TWITTER

Revelers

30K

The borough of about 6,000 people swells to as many as 30,000 revelers, who come decked out in groundhog hats and scarves and holding signs begging for winter's hasty exit.

The history of groundhogs, also known as woodchucks, as weather prognosticators in the United States dates to the 1800s, according to the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's website.

Celebrations of the holiday take place throughout the U.S., but thanks in part to "Groundhog Day," the 1993 film starring Bill Murray and set in Punxsutawney, Phil's burrow is the epicenter of celebration.

Hank Zaborniak, 29, used the occasion to propose to his girlfriend, Jaquelynn Kestner, 31. The Ohio couple described themselves as big Murray fans.

In New York City's take on the tradition, officials tried a new arms-length approach at the Staten Island Zoo. A groundhog bit the hand of the previous mayor, Michael Bloomberg, in 2009 and last year, Mayor Bill de Blasio dropped a groundhog, which died a few days later.

This time, a specially built rodent-sized elevator lifted the groundhog known as Staten Island Chuck into a box with clear plastic sides and fake turf. REUTERS

Officials

NYC tourism hits record high in 2014

The number of tourists visiting New York City hit a historic high in 2014, attracted by its quality of life, low levels of crime and dynamism, officials said on Monday.

A record 56.4 million visitors came to New York last year, generating an all-time-high $61.3 billion in economic impact, according to the Office of the Mayor and NYC & Co, the city's tourism and marketing organization.

TOURIST POSE WITH THE CHARGING BULL SCULPTURE. GETTY IMAGES

The tourism industry generated $3.7 billion in local tax revenues, they said. Some 359,000 jobs in the city are tourism-related, they added.

"Our excellent quality of life, low levels of crime, and constant dynamism continue to attract record tourism each year, and 2014 was no exception," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement.

In 2013, 54.3 million visitors came to New York City, the previous record, officials said.

Of last year's visitors, roughly 20 percent, or 12.2 million, came from foreign nations, primarily the United Kingdom, Canada, Brazil, France, China, Australia and Germany. REUTERS

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Students create their dream Disney ride

Engineering. Drexel team heads to Disneyland through contest.

The Drexel team presented their design to Disney last week. / DISNEY

While many aspiring engineers dream of one day working on bridges or buildings, one group of Drexel students have had more magical ambitions.

The four students were one of the teams selected for Disney's annual Walt Disney Imaginations Design Competition, a program designed to encourage students to pursue careers in creative and technical fields, including the digital arts, engineering and architecture. This year's students were asked to design a transportation-related experience for a major city.

"A lot of us grew up wanting to create rides and attractions for a living, so the Imaginations competition was a great outlet for that," says mechanical engineering major John Van Zelst. Along with fellow mechanical engineering student Justin Petronglo and Architectural Engineering students Bader Al Moulah and Ahmad Jamal, Van Zelst traveled to California last week to participate in the weeklong competition.

"I grew up going to Disney with my family," says Petronglo, "and just seeing the rides and attractions as a kid, I knew that that's what I wanted to do when I grew up — I wanted to contribute to that."

The Drexel team came up with a plan to create "Woollahra," a transportation system that connected several districts in Sydney, Australia and incorporated the country's folklore.

Creating a story

"We really wanted to hone in on the idea of storytelling, and we kind of used that as a guiding focus," Van Zelst notes.

Al Moulah happened to be visiting a friend in Australia last summer. "I think the most interesting thing about it was the appreciation that they had for the landscape," he recalls.

Quoted

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John Van Zelst, mechanical engineering student at Drexel

Adding fun to design

The team worked to create a design for a train system that would run through three districts in Sydney and allow visitors to create stories about their lives throughout their trip. "We tried to think about public transportation and thought, 'How can we make people appreciate the journey as much as the destination?"

The results

When the results of the Disney competition were announced on Friday, the Drexel team placed third, winning a $500 prize and possible internships at Walt Disney Imagineering, the folks behind the world-famous theme parks and attractions.

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Chrysler's 2011 Super Bowl commercial remains the most expensive one of all time. / YOUTUBE/CHRYSLER

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Microsoft

5 $8 million, 60 seconds. Microsoft's 1-minute commercial during last year's Super Bowl really tugged at the heartstrings. If you don't think it's possible to get emotional in less than a minute, this commercial will change your mind. It's basically a montage of some of the positive effects of technology: allowing a deployed soldier to virtually watch the birth of his newborn, giving a deaf teen the gift of hearing... We say, money well spent.

Kia

4 $8 million, 60 seconds. Kia brought viewers back last year with its "Matrix"-inspired commercial for its luxury model, K900. They even got Laurence Fishburne to get back into character as Morpheus. What better way to advertise its luxury car than by spending $133,333 a second?

Jaguar

3 $8 million, 60 seconds. Not to be outdone, Jaguar shot a mini-movie starring Sir Ben Kingsley, "Thor" star Tom Hiddleston and Mark Strong to tout its 5F Coupe. Tom Hooper ("The King's Speech") directed the short, which explains to American viewers why British villains are the best, using a helicopter and, of course, the new luxury car.

Bud Light

2 $12 million, 90 seconds. It wouldn't be the Super Bowl without a Bud Light commercial, right? For last year's big budget promo, Bud Light turned an average guy into a star, with the help of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Minka Kelly, Reggie Watts, Don Cheadle and One Republic. The "average Joe" — who isn't an actor and didn't know he was being filmed for a Super Bowl commercial — was given a beer and asked by a woman, "If I give you this, are you up for whatever happens next?" A wild night ensues.

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Chrysler

1 $12.4 million, 2 minutes. 2014 might have scored the fifth through second most expensive ads, but the priciest is Chrysler's 2011 spot. In an effort to counteract the negative press Detroit was getting, it highlighted the city's strength, as seen by Eminem as he drives through the city. The commercial paid off: Chrysler's business has improved by more than 50 percent since it aired.

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Financial goals to set in 2015

Just because I'm a millionaire doesn't mean that I don't constantly strive to do better in my finances, career and health. Here are three worthwhile goals for 2015:

Goal #1: Be charitable

It's not just about giving money; you can also donate your time to helping others. I've made more money than I could ever spend — and trust me, I've tried — so this year I'll be focusing on giving away more of my money than I have in the past. I plan on giving away $2 million, which isn't easy because I'm not just giving it away randomly. When being charitable you must choose worthy causes, and thanks to websites like Charity Navigator we can evaluate various charities based on their effectiveness. I understand most people can't afford to give away millions, but giving some of what you do have to those who are less fortunate is a worthwhile goal to set for yourself.

Goal #2: Be meticulous

In the past few years, I've noticed a trend that people are becoming lazier and lazier thanks to the rapid evolution of entertainment and technology. You must strive to be more meticulous in your work and focus on not being distracted by the fast-growing world around you. I've taught my millionaire students to make their fortunes by being dedicated workers. When there's something I don't understand, I meticulously research until I find the answer. This has served me well in life and I encourage you to do likewise so you'll enjoy similar success.

Shake Shack became a publicly traded stock this week and is now worth nearly $2 billion. Each location is valued at nearly 10 times that of a McDonald's location.

GETTY IMAGES

A JetBlue flight narrowly avoided a midair collision, that's scary!

Goal #3: Get ambitious

No matter what your passion is, you should always strive to be the absolute best in the world.

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I know that sounds crazy, but it's not. Mediocrity is not acceptable. Yes, I'm one of those annoying millionaire perfectionists and while I've done well in my own life, my new focus is making the lives of others better with my eccentric yet effective teachings. Be ultra-ambitious in 2015, dream big and go after those big dreams with passion you never knew you were capable of. Trust me, no matter who you are, you are capable of achieving great things if you put your mind to it.

What Tim Sykes is into this week...

1

Mitt Romney bowed out of the presidential race; glad he could accept his low odds of victory so early this time around.

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The U.S. stock market indexes dropped 3 to 5 percent in January. Good! I need some time off after a record 2014.

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Ben Affleck and Matt Damon took responsibility on Jimmy Kimmel's show for the infamous Patriots football deflating; glad we got that solved!

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Twitter feed

Today, Mindy Kaling is there for you, Tom Daley's taste buds are maturing, and Tom Arnold is having a rough time at home.

@mindykaling: I'm live-tweeting Tuesday's brand new #theMindyProject bc after the last 30 seconds you're gonna want someone to talk to.

@TomDaley1994: Anyone else out there gone from hating coffee...to caramel single shot latte...to latte...to just black coffee? It all happened so quickly!

@TomArnold: I fear the music teacher from Whiplash has become my wife's spirit animal.

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Kim Kardashian is not sorry

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There's trouble in the Jenner-Kardashian compound, and it apparently stems from comments that the most famous of the brood, Kim Kardashian, made in an interview with "Entertainment Tonight" last month expressing support for "what Bruce [Jenner] is going through." What he's reportedly going through is transitioning from male to female, though no official announcement has been made yet — hence the family strife. "Kim has not even tried to apologize because she says she was helping him and the ratings of the TV show," a source tells Radar Online. "Unfortunately, the more Kim talks the more famous she gets. She has pulled this kind of stunt before and has lost friends and lovers. But she honestly does not care. She just moves on." And honestly, I'm surprised by the family outrage. If anyone understands the "I was trying to boost our ratings" argument, it's those people.

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Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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Katy Perry half-time show decoded by Illuminati conspiracy nuts

You can't perform at the Super Bowl without a certain, always entertaining corner of the Internet picking apart the annual halftime extravaganza in search of Illuminati clues and symbolism. Among those symbols on display this year, apparently, were the very important Masonic checker board — though her dancers were playing chess, not checkers, but whatever — and the Masonic Lion that Perry rode into battle. Except it was a tiger. But again, whatever. There's just so much going on here, it clearly has to be the work of a secret organization that controls the world, right?

Daily video

Oh, Mariah. Oh no.

Mariah Carey appeared at the recent Jamaica Jazz and Blues Festival and attendees were miffed at what they claim was lip-syncing. "She didn't do one live song," one commenter on the Jamaica Observer's site complained. "I guess the crowd was more excited to see Mariah perform than to listen [to] a genuine performance," said another.

There was a lot of this.

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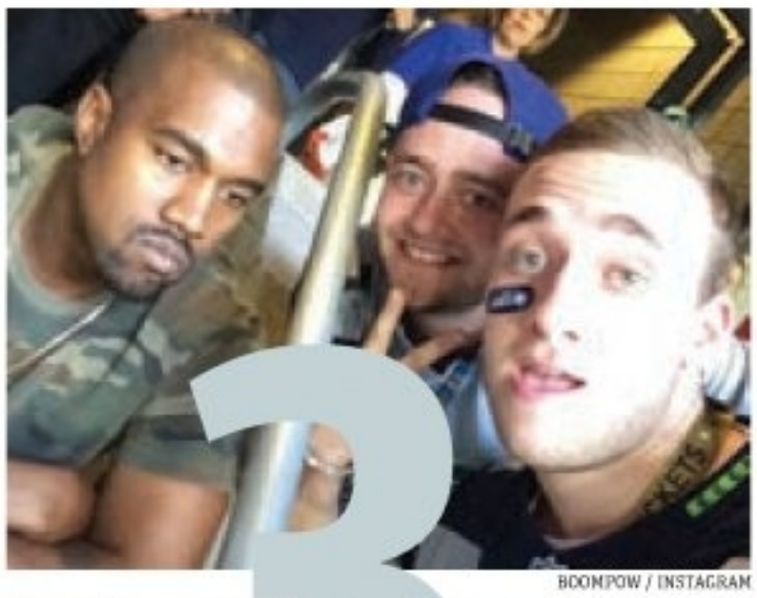
Kanye West doesn't want to be in your selfie



BOOMPOW / INSTAGRAM

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Kanye West went to the Super Bowl, but he didn't look too happy about it. Or maybe he just wasn't too happy about being roped into a couple of fans' attempts at a selfie with the star. He just looks so miserable, right? Seriously, did he just send his Madame Tussauds' wax figure to the big game in his stead?

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While Nick Hornby's seventh novel, "Funny Girl" is set in the '60s, the premise couldn't be more relevant: How do you live after an enormous amount of success comes to define your life? "We see it all the time," Hornby tells us. "People make one show, one album, one movie or one book. How do you cope with that afterwards?"

The funny thing about being funny

"Funny Girl" follows a small town girl named Barbara who moves to London with big dreams of becoming the next Lucille Ball. The bless and the curse is that Barbara is beautiful, which doesn't lend itself to being cast in comic roles.

"When I was working on 'An Education' [Hornby wrote the screenplay], Rosamund Pike said to me that she wanted to do the comic role in the movie because she wasn't allowed to be funny very often. And that was all she said, but I was thinking about that and how maybe the way she looks means she only gets a certain type of part," Hornby says.

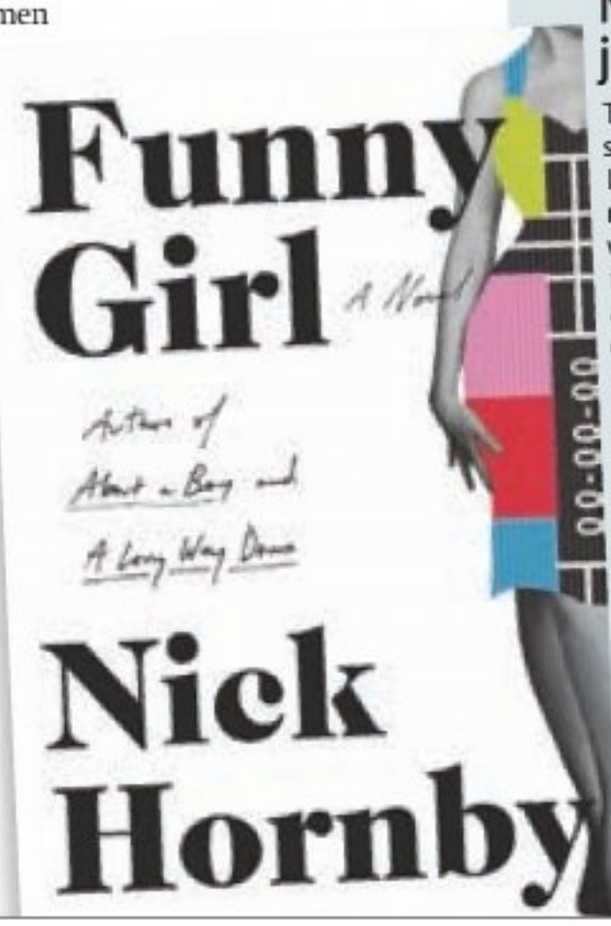
Highbrow, lowbrow and Nick Hornby

In the book, Barbara does

Hornby also recently wrote the screenplay for "Wild."
MIRIAM DOUGLAS

land a leading comic sitcom role and she becomes one of the most famous actresses in Britain. She's an enjoyable character to follow in the book, but the supportive characters are just as colorful. There's Clive, her skirt-chasing TV husband, the director Dennis, who pines after Barbara though she's on and off dating Clive, and the writers Bill and Tony, who met in prison after they were both arrested for trying to pick up men in the rest room (This being the '60s, homosexuality was illegal).

In one scene, Dennis is caught in a highbrow versus lowbrow debate on a BBC news show defending the wildly popular sitcom he directs. Hornby says this is something he's experienced his entire career. "It's never very far from any of us it is? It's with literary fiction versus non-literary fiction, indie rock versus American 'Pop Idol' music. It's a debate that never seems to go away or get old," he says.



Present tense

No spoilers, just a tease

The book doesn't stay in the '60s. It brings readers right up to 2015 with the characters in their 70s, long after the success of the sitcom. So how does each character deal with getting older and the dim of bright success? There will be no spoilers here, only a tease: it's vastly different for everyone, and as with any Hornby book, you'll close the book thinking it's his best.

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'Mindy' goes the distance

Interview. Mindy Kaling says her character is learning to live with a long distance relationship.

Contrary to what that "invisible Mindy" Nationwide Super Bowl ad suggested, she is quite visible on "The Mindy Project" Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. on Fox. / BETH DUBBER, FOX

"The Mindy Project" is attempting something pretty bold for a sitcom: The main couple got together, and stayed together. Many shows take the Ross and Rachel route, and try "will they/won't they" couples before breaking them up, but so far, Mindy and beau Danny (Chris Messina) have been working out their differences.

"Mindy's a very wild character and she has very strong opinions, but they both just kind of want to make it work," says creator and star Mindy Kaling.

The duo has faced challenges before, but they're now up against their biggest issue yet: Mindy is doing a fellowship at Stanford, and they're dating long distance.

Asked if the show's writers focused on Mindy's career now that her love life is stable, Kaling jokes, "Thank you for giving us the credit to know that we're that planned out," before saying, "We just think, 'What's exciting to us?' Mindy had started taking interns under her wing, and I really liked that dynamic."

Kaling took some inspiration from her last job when planning out the Stanford arc. "We had an arc in 'The Office' called the Michael Scott Paper Company that was one of my favorite arcs. You don't always see professional ambition in TV characters, so that was really fun to do."

"RELATIONSHIPS WORK BECAUSE PEOPLE WANT TO MAKE IT WORK, EVEN IF THEY'RE DIFFICULT PEOPLE. IT ALSO JUST MAKES THEM REALLY ENTERTAINING," SAYS KALING.
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Part of the fun of writing the relationship has been letting Messina shine. "I feel like Chris used to be a straight man for my character in like the first four episodes. More and more, my favorite scenes are the ones where Mindy is like, 'Hey man, are you OK?' Where Mindy's the straight man," says Kaling. "Chris is so talented. I love that in one episode he can be a complete heartthrob, but then also a walking physical comedy setpiece. It's awesome."

New cast

Co-star turnover

The show has had some changes in its cast, but a recent one has Kaling extra sad: the impending departure of Adam Pally. Says Kaling: "We can't really replace Pally. He's so funny and he's so woven into the fabric of the show. Mindy and him are such close friends that we definitely wouldn't want to replace anyone with his energy, which is so rare. It's kind of like incredibly sweet frat boy a—hole."

Kaling does promise they'll address the character leaving: "We have a whole thing about replacing the doctor — the hole that he left — so that's going to be a nice arc."

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TV watch list

It's probably not a good sign that "Marry Me"'s Jake and Annie are handing out "carefrontation snacks." / PAUL DRINKWATER, NBC

COMEDY

'Marry Me'

Annie and Jake don't win themselves any friends in their apartment building when they add some graffiti to a sign on the building. Only Banksy can do that, you guys. **9 P.M., NBC**

DRAMA

'Agent Carter'

Peggy gets ready for her first mission and requests some backup. Who is available for backup in the '40s? All the Avengers are too young. Maybe Thor was around.

9 P.M., ABC

COMEDY

'Cougar Town'

Series regular Busy Philipps steps behind the camera for the first time to direct this episode, wherein Jules lends Travis some money once she's worried he might be having financial troubles. **10:30 P.M., TBS**

REALITY

'Real Housewives of Beverly Hills'

Kyle has a gay mixer, but things take an unfortunate turn when the guests begin insulting each other.

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The importance of being Oscar

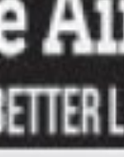
Song. Oscar Wilde's "gross indecency" trial gets an opera.

"Oscar" is at the Academy of Music (240 S. Broad St.) Feb. 6 to 15. Tickets are $19 to $249 at www.operaphila.org. / PROVIDED

Just as the Supreme Court prepares to hear a landmark case potentially settling the question of marriage equality, Opera Philadelphia is reminding audiences of a time when homosexuality itself was the subject of a notorious trial. Making its East Coast premiere, Theo Morrison's "Oscar" recounts the 1895 trial and imprisonment of legendary writer Oscar Wilde for "gross indecency."

"It's a terribly deep and weighty subject and absolutely appropriate for what's going on in the world," says Morrison, who co-wrote the libretto and composed the music. "With our own Supreme Court overturning DOMA and Prop 8, and Russia and Uganda passing draconian laws, [it's] a wonderful time for this to come out."

Morrison composed "Oscar," his first opera in three decades of writing music, with countertenor David Daniels in mind. The subject came into focus after Morrison pulled a Wilde biography from his bookshelf. "I thought this would be a fantastic story for [him]," Morrison recalls. "As an openly gay man, David was always playing characters like Caesar with Cleopatra, and that was an odd thing for him to feel as an artist on the stage."



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Bio

A flawed artist

"Oscar" was co-commissioned by Opera Philadelphia and the Santa Fe Opera, which premiered the piece in 2013. Morrison has revised the opera for its East Coast premiere, shedding more light on Wilde's biography before plunging into the famous wit's trial and tragic imprisonment.

"Many great artists have huge flaws," Morrison says, "and the flaw of Oscar Wilde was that he was self-destructive. Not that his homosexuality was self-destructive — he was never ashamed of his love for men — but he made bad decisions that brought him to a terrible end."

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Genevieve Gorder on designing a kid's room

Don't you wish you had a swing in your room growing up? Here's a look at Bebelle's room photographed for HGTV Magazine's October 2014 issue. / DAVID A. LAND, HGTV MAGAZINE

FOR A COMPLETE LOOK AT GORDER'S CHELSEA BROWNSTONE, VISIT METRO.US.

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Tips. See how the designer set up her daughter's room.

Designer and HGTV star Genevieve Gorder's New York City home recently underwent a complete redesign. And one of the most awe-inspiring spaces was her daughter Bebelle's room.

We talked to the designer on why she chose the elements she did.

Incorporate family heirlooms

"Bebelle has a beautiful bedroom. I put in a bunch of furniture from my grandmother," says Gorder. "My grandmother's bed that I slept in as a kid is now my daughter's bed." The designer wasn't reusing the furniture to cut down on costs, though that's always a plus. "[It's important] to have things from family so she knows she's part of something bigger, and she respects older furniture and techniques that just get ingrained into their visual memory," explains Gorder. To avoid looking outdated, Gorder spruced up the piece. "I painted the bed with a gorgeous black oil paint so it makes it look more contemporary and gives it a new life," she says.

Don't forget the fun

The pièce de résistance is a wooden swing in the middle of Bebelle's room. "Her room is how you dream about as a 6-year-old in a non-commercial way," says the designer. "It's about incorporating really simple things that give you pleasure when you're a kid that you don't get to have when you're older." And Bebelle's friends all love coming over to play in her room. Gorder says they come over after school and line up for their turn on the swing.

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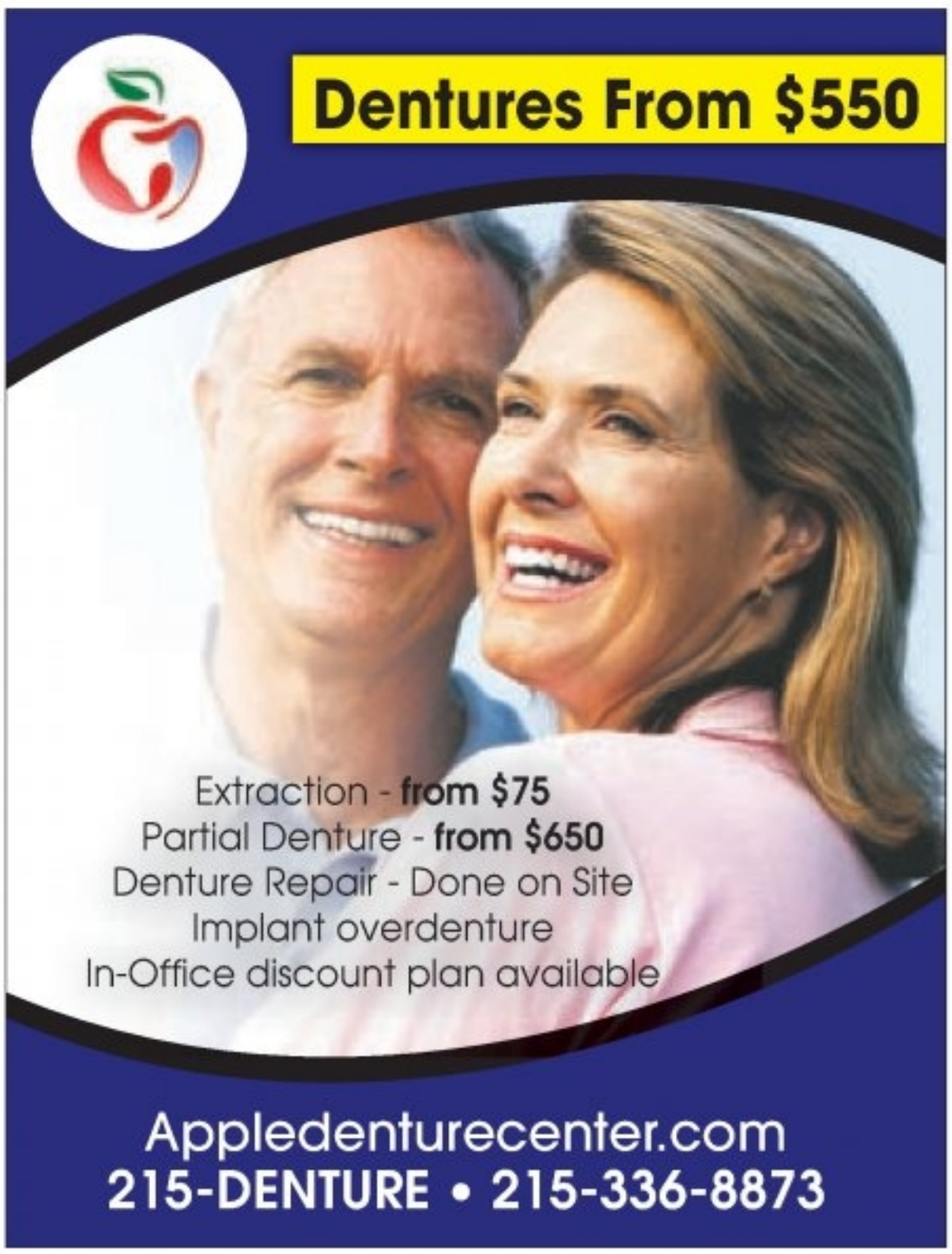
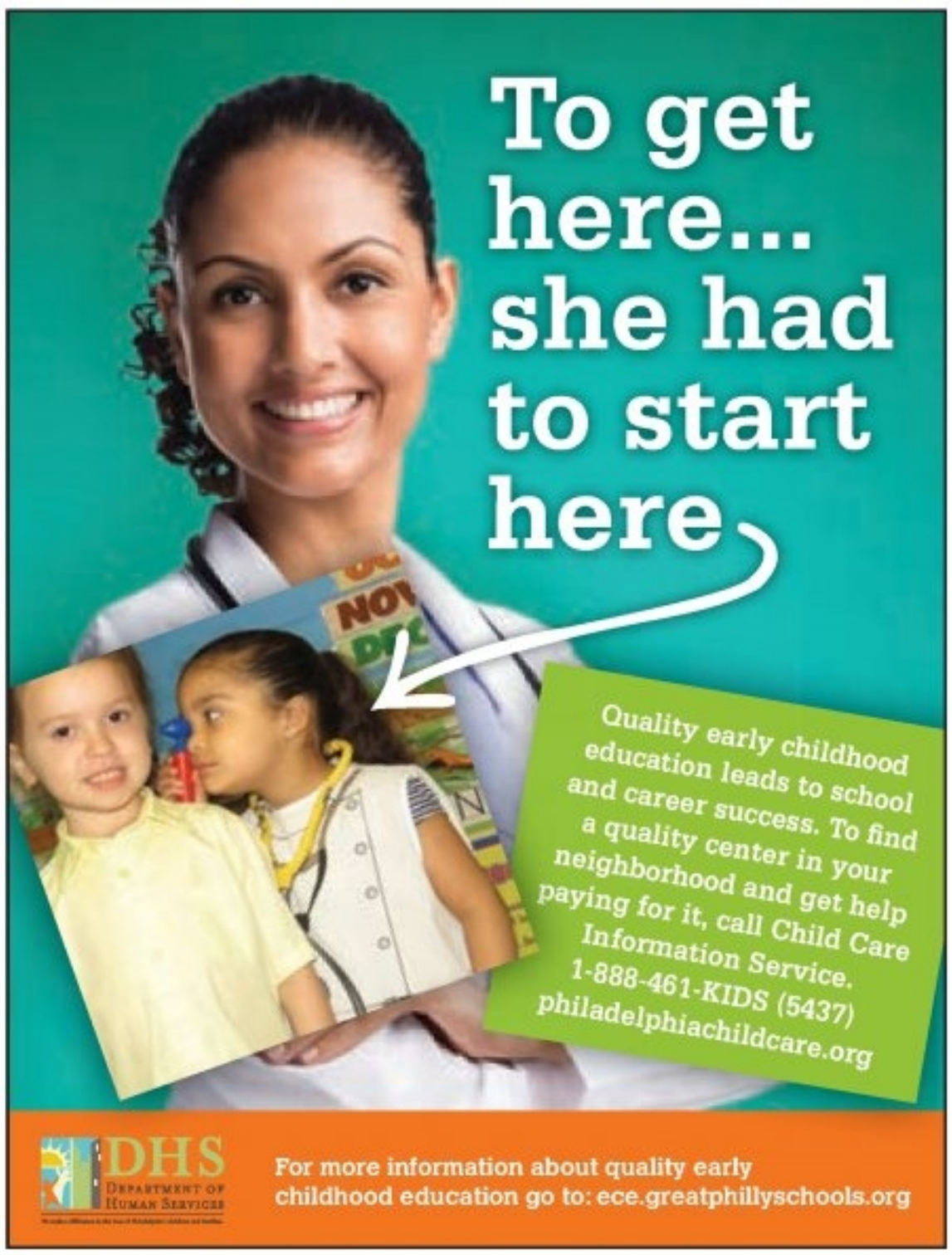
PLUS

Decor tip

Not just for kids

Gorder loves mixing items like a metallic side table and lush pillows from regular stores with the toys and kid-friendly pieces. "If you just give them kid furniture and kid clothes and kid room stuff, it becomes like a toy store and kinda junky," she says.

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♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20 Success is in the cards. Be secretive about your ideas to avoid someone intervening. Follow your intuition- and come out ahead.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20 Slow and steady will win the race. Mistakes are likely if you have too many irons in the fire. There is someone who wants to collaborate with you.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21 Spend time on your own. Research something you find intriguing. Studying will keep you from getting into a damaging debate.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20 You will have a chance to try something out of the ordinary. If you participate in everything, you will have an eye-opening experience.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22 You can get what you want if you are patient. Let things unfold naturally. Don't rush into new ventures. If you want new possibilities, pay close attention.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22 Compromise will be a necessity. Don't fall for an offer that sounds too good to be true. Keep your valuables under surveillance.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Keep an eye out for a job opportunity. A chance to pick up additional skills should not be missed. Give whatever you do your best shot in order to succeed.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You will end up paying the price if you have been overspending or overindulging. Get back on track and stick to your budget.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Career advancement should be your first concern. You can increase your cash flow by marketing an idea to the right people.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 If you are feeling down and out, take time to rejuvenate. Find a relaxing way to soothe your nerves. Get plenty of rest.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Love and romance are highlighted. If you plan a fun activity with someone special, you will discover how much you have in common. EUGENIA LAST

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Letters to the editor

Congrats, Pats!

Super Bowl XLIX was truly a clash of the Titans. New England Patriots under coach Bill Belichick vs. the Seattle Seahawks under coach Pete Carroll fought many hard games to get their teams to this most important day — a day where both teams engaged in a battle of epic proportions. Both teams struggled to win the prize. But as in any battle or game there can only be one winner. As once was written by Stanley Ralph Ross, "The thrill of victory ... the agony of defeat." That is so very true. I congratulate the New England Patriots for a hard-fought game. Kudos, Patriots, you've done good!
FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA EMAIL

Seahawks coach unwitting MVP

I believe rather than Tom Brady being named the Super Bowl MVP, this honor should have gone to Seahawks coach Pete Carroll because we couldn't have won the game without his invaluable coaching skills. They had the game in the bag and then Carroll comes along and saves the day for New England Patriots fans. As I stated , we couldn't have done it without him. He's my MVP.
SAL GIARRATANI, VIA EMAIL

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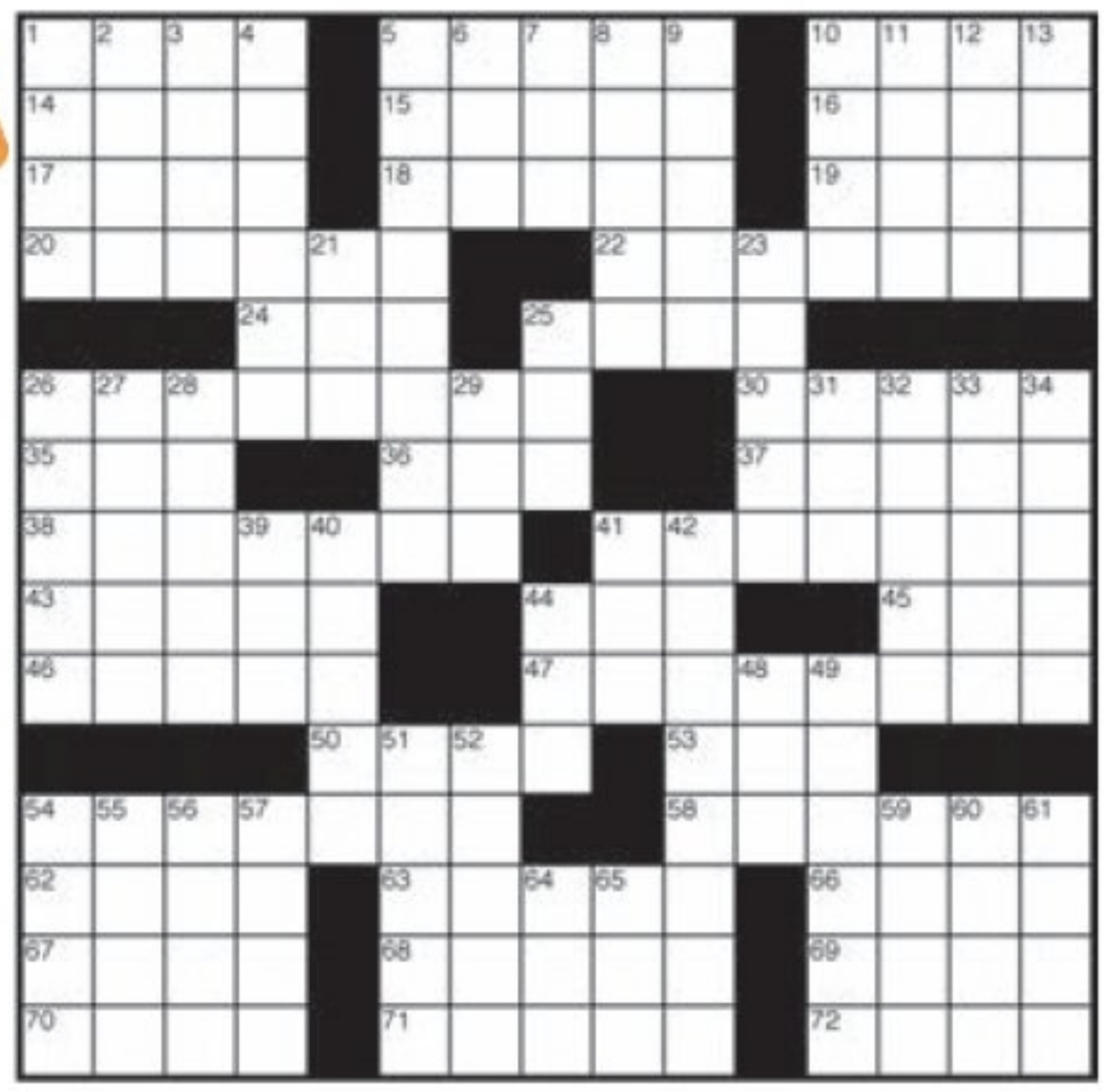

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Late 'big boy' drives saved Patriots' legacy

NFL. Tom Brady's fourth Super Bowl title puts him in the middle of all-time greatest quarterback discussions.

Edelman was the recipient of Brady's game-winner. / GETTY IMAGES

The New England Patriots' 28-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl on Sunday night was a game for the ages.

Overshadowed by Malcolm Butler's interception at the goal line with 20 seconds left to seal the win, it also featured an all-time comeback effort by the Pats' offense. No team had ever rallied from a 10-point deficit in the second half to win the Super Bowl — no less against one of the best defenses in league history.

The Seahawks were 18-0 over the last three years, including the playoffs, when starting the fourth quarter with a 10-point lead. They had allowed just 13 combined points in the fourth quarter in the last nine games.

So when Russell Wilson found Doug Baldwin wide open in the end zone for a touchdown that put the Seahawks up 24-14 with 4:54 left in the third quarter and then carried the lead into the fourth, the game, for all intents and purposes, was basically over.

Really, why even play the fourth quarter? Save everyone an extra hour of sleep and fire off the confetti, roll out the championship stage to the middle of the field and present Seattle with its second straight Lombardi Trophy.

Tom Brady and Patriots obviously had different plans. They couldn't have cared less about Super Bowl history or Seattle's past prowess in the final 15 minutes.

Brady completed 13-of-15 passes for 124 yards in the fourth quarter, went 8-for-8 on the final drive and connected with four different receivers. One of these was a short touchdown pass to Danny Amendola. His last pass of the season found Edelman's arms for a three-yard TD.

The scoring strike passed Joe Montana's record for all-time touchdowns in the Super Bowl for a 28-24 advantage with 2:06 left to play.

The Patriots miraculously held on late for the win, and Brady and the offense defied 49 years of Super Bowl history.

Quoted

"These guys have been counted out many times during the course of the year by a lot of people, but they always believed in themselves and kept fighting." Bill Belichick

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Never too early

Eagles have 7th best odds

As soon as the Patriots marched triumphantly off the field in Arizona, the football world turned its attention to 2015. According to betting website Bovada.com, the Eagles have the seventh best odds at a Super Bowl title at 20-1. The Seahawks (5-1) and Patriots (7-1) are first and second respectively.

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Malcolm Butler became the unlikeliest of heroes with his game-winning interception Sunday night. / GETTY IMAGES

Well, at least Andy Reid is off the hook. Until Sunday night, Reid's glacially slow "let's huddle up" fourth-quarter drive against New England in Super Bowl XXXIX stood as the worst coaching in championship game history.

Then came Pete Carroll. Then came the most mind-bogglingly dumb play call ever. Somewhere outside Kansas City, likely munching the evening's last rib on his Barcalounger, Big Red let out a sigh of relief.

It's hard to overstate how badly Carroll and Seattle's offensive coordinator, Darrell Bevell, blew a winnable Super Bowl. But in case your eyes were still blinded by Katy Perry's halftime show, here's the setup:

The Seahawks needed a touchdown after Tom Brady put the Pats ahead, 28-24, just before the two-minute warning. Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson began the drive with a 31-yard pass to Marshawn Lynch, and then connected on a 33-yard pinball pass that tipped off a defender and twice off Jermaine Kearse's body before landing on Kearse's midsection as he lay on the ground.

First-and-goal at the 5. Seattle wisely gave the ball to Marshawn Lynch, who beasted it to the 1-yard-line. Clock ticking down to 20 seconds left.

And now comes the bonehead moment that will live in NFL history with The Miracle at the Meadowlands and Marty Mornhinweg's blown coin toss. Rather than let Lynch ride that final yard, Carroll ordered Bevell to dial up a pass play — a possibly illegal pick play at that.

Understand that Lynch had 15 rushing touchdowns this season. He's the king of short yardage, a modern-era Earl Campbell. The only question at the moment was whether New England's defense would intentionally let him score to get the ball back to Brady with time on the clock. It was that inevitable Lynch would get in.

Quoted

"I didn't understand the call Sunday night, and we still won't understand it in XLIX years."

You know the rest. Wilson in the shotgun. He throws a quick slant, which rookie defender Malcolm Butler intercepts. Game over.

So rather than a repeat, the Seahawks are a one-and-done champ. Like the nine prior winners. And instead of Karmic justice being served, Brady and Belichick win their fourth Super Bowl, tying Terry Bradshaw and Chuck Noll in QB-coach dominance.

I didn't understand the call Sunday night, and we still won't understand it in XLIX years. I've seen NFL coaches foolishly outsmart themselves (as I said, we watched Andy Reid all those years), but never like this. Mark this one down as the worst sideline decision in the history of the sport — the blunder by which all future blunders will be measured.

I've talked to many Eagles from that 2004 Super Bowl loser. To a man, they always say that after the loss, they expected to return to a Super Bowl and redeem themselves. Of course, it never happened. To a man, that's the aspect they say hurts the most.

I imagine that's in every Seattle Seahawks' mind today.

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NHL power rankings | by Rich Slate

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Predators (32-11-6)

The Predators apparently are indestructible as they remain atop the NHL with backup goaltender Carter Hutton taking over for the injured Pekka Rinne. This is part of the reason why head coach Peter Laviolette will be the favorite for coach of the year if he keeps this up. Nashville is tied with Anaheim for the most points in the league (70).

No. 2

Blues (32-13-4)

The Blues are the hottest team in the NHL — they've won their last five games in a row — so they deserve to be up here. Also, they are tied with the Blackhawks for best goal-differential (+40) in the league. They have two huge home games this week vs. Tampa Bay and Chicago.

No. 3

Ducks (32-12-6)

Anaheim drops down two spots from last week since they have lost their last two games. The Ducks are still 7-3-0 in their past 10 but their goal-differential is only +13 which is surprising given their record. They host Carolina on Tuesday before embarking on a five-game road trip.

No. 4

Lightning (32-13-4)

The top team in the Eastern Conference continues to roll along. The Lightning have won their last two games and they are 7-3-0 in the past 10. Tampa Bay is only .500 on the road this season (11-11-3) and they are at St. Louis and Dallas this week before home games against L.A. and Anaheim.

No. 5

Red Wings (25-12-4)

Nobody has paid any attention to them, but the Red Wings are pretty quietly putting together a great season. They're 8-2-0 in their last 10 games and only one point behind Tampa Bay in the division. They don't play another home game for almost two weeks.

No. 6

Canadiens (32-16-1)

Despite their 3-2 loss to Arizona on Sunday, Montreal has been playing well (6-3-1 in the last 10 games). They are tied with the Red Wings and it is all thanks to Carey Price (27-10-2, 2.03 goals against average, .933 save percentage, 4 shutouts). Price was named the NHL's No. 1 star of the week.

No. 7

Islanders (32-16-1)

The Islanders faltered last week, losing two straight games to the Bruins and Red Wings-two other contenders in the East. Still, New York is second in the conference and 6-4-0 in their past 10 games. Six of their next seven games are against non-playoff teams.

No. 8

B'Hawks (31-17-2)

Chicago was blanked 2-0 at San Jose on Saturday, something which rarely happens. The Blackhawks are treading water here (5-5 in their past 10 games). They have three more road games this week (at Minnesota, Winnipeg and St. Louis) before they return to the United Center next Monday.

No. 9

Penguins (28-14-8)

Injuries have predictably taken their toll on the Penguins who are just 4-4-2 in their last 10 games. They bottomed out in a 4-0 loss to Nashville on Sunday. Pittsburgh will have to regroup on the road as they go to Canada (Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver) for the week.

No. 10

Rangers (28-15-4)

The Rangers are in seventh-place in the Eastern Conference, but I doubt they'll be that low when the playoffs begin this spring. They are only five points behind the Islanders and four behind the Penguins so they are still in play for New York to catch. They host Boston on Wednesday, a team that they typically struggle against.

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Kyle Lowry led the Big East in steals per game (2.3) during the 2005-06 season. / GETTY IMAGES

Villanova's Lowry finally an All-Star

NBA. Philly-raised point guard Kyle Lowry has found a good home playing for Toronto.

It took nine seasons and three teams, but Kyle Lowry has finally found his comfort zone. And the Raptors couldn't be happier.

Lowry — who played for two years at Villanova before being taken with the 24th overall pick in the 2006 NBA draft by the Grizzlies — has morphed into one of the best point guards in the league.

Lowry has played for the Grizzlies and Rockets. Since joining Toronto in 2012-13, he has continued to develop at a rapid pace. Now in his third season with the Raptors, the kid from Philly is going to be a starting guard in the NBA All-Star Game Feb. 15 at Madison Square Garden.

"I really appreciate it all now," Lowry said. "If it would have happened before I would have appreciated it, but now, at 28 years old and in Year 9, I think it's just a testament of a great team and a great organization and a group of guys who I get along with. For me to represent them at this time is perfect."

Lowry is averaging 19.3 points, 7.4 assists, 4.9 assists and 1.6 steals for the Atlantic Division leaders.

More than that, he's become a true team leader in every way imaginable.

"The great thing about it is where Kyle has grown as a player and the work he has put in, what he's done over the past couple of years," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. "He's a big part of where we've come from to what we are right now. ... He'd be the first to tell you it has a lot to do with his teammates to where he is right now helping us win. My hat is off to him. It's not only a credit to be an All-Star but to be a starter."

When the Raptors visited the Wells Fargo Center last month, it looked as if they were going to fall to the 76ers. Toronto came out with little energy and struggled mightily.

In the fourth quarter, Lowry refused to accept a road loss. He scored 17 of his 21 points in the final 12 minutes, including a couple of highly difficult 3-pointers, and willed the Raptors to a five-point win.

"I just didn't want us to lose," Lowry said. "I think my teammates were counting on me and we needed somebody to pick up the energy. And I felt like it was my time to pick up the energy and go out there and do my job."

Sixers guard Michael Carter-Williams, the reigning Rookie of the Year, did his best to shut down Lowry. But the All-Star was simply too good.

"I thought I did a pretty good job of containing him throughout the game," Carter-Williams said. "In the fourth quarter, he made tough shots. The best thing you can do is contest them. He got to the line. He knocked down free throws but those threes were big. They were tough shots and there is a reason why he is a starting All-Star."

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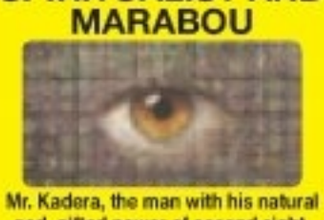

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The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) will visit Salus University's Department of Speech-Language Pathology on Thursday and Friday, March 5-6, 2015 to conduct a Level II candidacy site visit as part of the accreditation application for the new Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology degree program.

Faculty members, administrators, students, community professionals and the public are invited to address the CAA visitors from 4:30-5:15 p.m. on Thursday March 5, 2015 in the Boardroom (W400) of Salus University, 8360 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027.

A copy of the Standards for Accreditation and/or Policy on Public Comment (PDF) may be obtained by contacting the Accreditation Office of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), 2200 Research Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20850-3289, or by accessing the documents online at http://www.asha.org/academic/accreditation/standards_forms.htm

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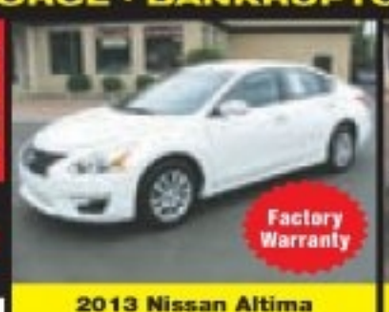

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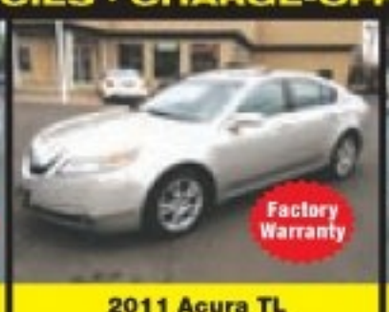

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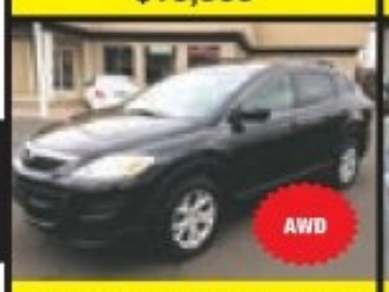

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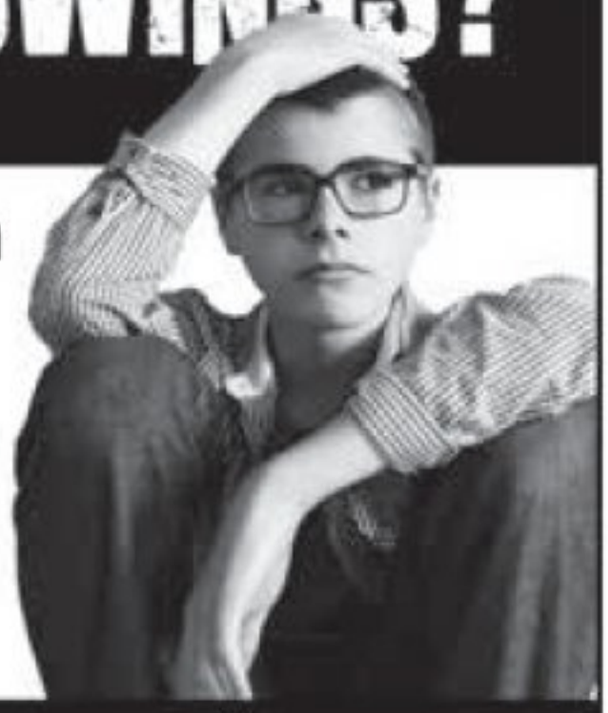

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